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Letter dated 4 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement issued on 4 March 2016 by a spokesperson for the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the text of a statement issued on 4 March 2016 by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with regard to resolution 2270 (2016) adopted by the Security Council (see annexes).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as soon as possible as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34 and 53, and of the Security Council.

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Annex I to the letter dated 4 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement issued by a spokesperson for the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, 4 March (Korean Central News Agency) — A spokesman for the Government of the DPRK issued the following statement on Friday, 4 March 2016.

Being taken aback by the H-bomb test of the DPRK and its successful launch of earth satellite Kwangmyongsong-4, the US and other big powers and their followers finally fabricated "resolution 2270 (2016) calling for harsh sanctions" against the DPRK by abusing the name of the United Nations Security Council at dawn on Thursday.

No sooner had the "resolution" been adopted than Obama published "a welcoming message" and let Secretary of State Kerry make public "a statement supporting" it. Riff-raff blindly echoed their statements one after another.

Trumpeting about the efficacy of the "resolution", the US published "its own sanctions" in which leading officials of the army and Government of the DPRK are put on the list of "special sanctions".

Following suit, Japan made public Abe's "commentary" and Foreign Minister Kishida's "statement" in support of the "resolution".

Even the Park Geun-Hye group of south Korea issued a "statement" at midnight, describing the "sanctions" as the "harshest and comprehensive sanctions" and a "strong message".

Terror-stricken by the H-bomb blast and the successful launch of Kwangmyongsong-4 that shook the world at the outset of this year, the US and other big powers and their followers held a confab for 57 days, cooking up the "resolution on sanctions". It was, therefore, nothing surprising and new, as it was predicted.

What matters is that the "resolution" is the most undisguised and the most hideous international crime aimed to isolate and stifle an independent and righteous sovereign State under unjustified pretexts.

As already clarified, the H-bomb test of the DPRK was a step for bolstering the nuclear deterrence to safeguard the sovereignty and the right to existence of the nation from the US hostile policy to invade the country and its increasing nuclear threats. The DPRK satellite launch was the exercise of the universally recognized legitimate right of a sovereign State.

The Government of the DPRK clarifies its stand before the world as follows, as regards the fact that the US and other big powers and their followers fabricated in conspiracy the United Nations Security Council "resolution on sanctions", gravely threatening the sovereignty of the DPRK and blatantly challenging its just cause:

Firstly, the DPRK brands the United Nations Security Council's vicious "resolution on sanctions" as the most outrageous provocation against the DPRK, a dignified independent and sovereign State, and categorically rejects it.

The "resolution" is a criminal document fabricated by the United Nations Security Council, which is tasked to preserve global peace and security, in wanton violation of international justice and impartiality, dancing to the tune of the US and other big powers and their followers after reneging on its mission and duty.

The DPRK has never recognized any United Nations "resolution on sanctions" against it.

Secondly, the DPRK will take resolute countermeasures, as the US and other big powers and their followers have become undisguised in their moves to trample down the sovereignty of the DPRK and its right to existence.

The DPRK countermeasures will involve all various means and methods, including strong and merciless physical counteractions.

The DPRK will not remain a passive onlooker to the infringement upon its sovereignty and right to existence.

If an incident not desired by anyone happens in the Korean Peninsula and its vicinity, the US and other big powers and their followers and those who sponsored the United Nations "resolution on sanctions" will be held wholly accountable for the ensuing consequences.

Thirdly, the DPRK will launch a more dynamic worldwide struggle to put a definite end to the unfair and unequal international political order, with the recent hideous international crime committed by the United Nations Security Council as momentum.

The DPRK can no longer take a fence-sitting attitude towards the trend in the world whereby justice and impartiality are violated and double standards and injustice are rampant.

It is the stand of the DPRK not to allow the reality in which legality and illegality are deliberately confused and justice and truth ruthlessly trampled down by the yardstick of the US and other big powers.

The DPRK will, as ever, firmly hold the banner of the line of developing the two fronts, further bolster its self-defensive nuclear deterrence and dynamically advance along the road already chosen towards the eminence of satellite power no matter what others may say.

The world will clearly see how the DPRK, reacting against the United Nations "resolution on sanctions" with a thousandfold countermeasures, puts an end to the crime-woven history of the United Nations dominated by the US and other big powers and the dolts toeing their lines and establishes international justice and impartiality.

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Annex II to the letter dated 4 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement issued by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, 4 March (KCNA) — A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry issued the following statement on Friday, 4 March 2016.

The US fabricated another "resolution on sanctions" by abusing the United Nations Security Council while finding fault with the DPRK H-bomb test and satellite launch.

The "resolution", unprecedented in its viciousness and illegality, is a brigandish product which can never be justified.

If access to nuclear weapons is to be called into question, the US, the first country in the world which had access to nuclear weapons and the only user of them, should be done so, and if any fault is to be found with the DPRK access to nuclear weapons, it is imperative to pull up the U.S. over the hostile policy and nuclear threat towards the DPRK for which it is responsible.

The DPRK access to nuclear weapons is an unavoidable option for self-defence made by it, as the US, the world's biggest nuclear-weapon State and the only user of nuclear weapons, designated the dignified DPRK as an "axis of evil" and target of a pre-emptive nuclear strike and has persistently escalated the hostile moves and nuclear threats to the DPRK by introducing various kinds of lethal hardware for a nuclear war.

The DPRK H-bomb test and satellite launch are being termed a breach of the previous "resolutions" of the United Nations Security Council but, in essence, those "resolutions" are a product of high-handedness practised beyond the mandate of the United Nations Security Council.

If the United Nations Security Council has the mandate to ban an individual country from conducting a nuclear test, what does the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons exist for and what is the nuclear-test-ban treaty necessary for?

As for the satellite launch, it is the legitimate right of a sovereign State.

The DPRK shaped the five-year programme for national aerospace development through the legitimate exercise of the independent right recognized by international law and, according to it, successfully launched earth observation satellite Kwangmyongsong-4, which is now under normal operation.

Where in the Charter of the United Nations is the mandate investing the United Nations Security Council with the right to deprive an individual United Nations member nation of the right to use space for peaceful purposes, a right specified in international law, stipulated?

If the DPRK satellite launch is to be found fault with, it is necessary to call into question all countries that have launched satellites, including the US.

The US, preoccupied with the hostility towards the DPRK, was so crude as not to hesitate to devise "luxury goods" as embargo items in a bid to prohibit the DPRK from importing even sports apparatuses such as for ski resort facilities, which have nothing to do with the development of weaponry.

Underlying it is a vicious hostile purpose and nature against human rights aimed to arrest happy laughs of people from being heard from such cultural recreation grounds as the Masikryong Ski Resort in the DPRK, and to prevent its people from enjoying highly civilized socialist life, the promise the Workers' Party of Korea made to them, and, furthermore, to bring down the social system of the DPRK.

The DPRK bitterly denounces and totally rejects all "resolutions" against it, including the recent "resolution", which are being misused for the sinister political purpose of a big power in wanton violation of the independent right, right to development and right to existence of a sovereign State, as criminal documents devoid of impartiality, legitimacy and morality.

Many member nations of the United Nations, small countries, in particular, are getting increasingly vocal in their call for the democratic reform of the United Nations Security Council, the most undemocratic and unfair old structure and nature of which are still left intact within the United Nations machinery. And they are expressing their protest by ignoring unreasonable resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

The DPRK, a country that covered the path of self-reliance and self-development in the face of the US sanctions and blockade, recently took the path it should have taken, while being fully aware that the US would slap sanctions on it again.

The DPRK self-development-first principle is the strength of the courageous people who emerged as a H-bomb State and satellite-launching State by dint of its indigenous wisdom and technology, with firm belief in their own efforts despite the US ceaseless hostile policy and sanctions that have lasted for more than seven decades.

It is a serious miscalculation to think that sanctions would work on the DPRK.

The DPRK bolstering of its nuclear deterrence is an exercise of the just right to self-defence, which should be done constantly as long as the US persists in its hostile policy, and the DPRK satellite launch is the work for space development pursuant to the legitimate right of a sovereign State, which should be done ceaselessly forever irrelevant to the US hostile policy whose termination is still up in the air.

The world will soon witness more steps and actions to be taken by the DPRK on its path of successfully implementing the line of simultaneously developing the two fronts.

The US will be wholly responsible for the total failure of the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, as it refused to the last the abandonment of its hostile policy towards the DPRK.